(b) and (c). Does not arise.

Purchase of Aircraft By Private Individuals

5377. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to relax the rules for the purchase of aircraft by private individuals;

(b) the number of applications pending for clearance with the Government; and

(c) the reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The Department of Civil Aviation is not concerned with the "purchase" of aircraft by "private individuals". The Department comes into the picture only in the case of import of aircraft by private firms for operation of air taxi services.

(b) and (c). In view of (a) above, does not arise.

Augmentation Of Howrah-Kharagpur Section

5378. SHRI SATYAGOPAL MISRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to augment the tracks on Howrah-Kharagpur section and other communication facilites relating to train services on the route; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Khandwa-Dahod And Khandwa-Khargon Railway Line

5379. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to lay the Khandwa-Dahod railway line in view of the long standing demand of people of the area;

(b) whether approval was accorded for a technical survey earlier for laying railway line from Khandwa to Khargaon; and

(c) when the decision to lay the said line is likely to be taken there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Survey for a new B.G. line between Khandwa and Khargone was carried out in 1985-86.

The project was found to be financially unremunerative.

(c) There is no proposal to take up this project at present.

Conversion of Varanasi-Chhapra and Ballia-Mau-Shahraj Line

5380. SHRI RAM BADAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news-item captioned' Do Mahatvapurna Yojnai Rukenji" appeared in " Nav Bharat Times" dated July 5, 1991;

(b) if so, whether the approved scheme regarding conversion of Varanasi to Chapra and Balia to Mau-Shahganj narrow gauge line into broad gauge has been shelved;